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PART I. SIGNIFICANT PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS

ZZZ01:ROAD CONSTR (NEW) SGM:1R7G CTY:VN 171130N1063803E
A ROAD IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 8.5 NM NORTH OF THE VIETNAM DMZ
AND 27 NM NORTH OF KHE SANH, SOUTH VIETNAM. THE NEW ROAD
CONNECTS TO THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING NORTH VIETNAMESE ROAD
NETWORK WHICH CONNECTS DIRECTLY TO ROUTE 101. THE ROAD
EXTENDS FROM 17-11-30N 106-38-03E (UTM XE738013) SSW 16 NM
TO THE PRESENT CONSTRUCTION TERMINUS AT 17-02-00N 106-33-00E
(XD649838), 2 NM FROM THE LAOS BORDER. APPROXIMATELY 13 NM OF THIS
NEW ROAD ARE SERVICEABLE. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT HEAVY
MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT WAS USED ON THIS ROAD WHICH HAS BEEN
CONSTRUCTED SINCE (REF A). SUPPORT FACILITIES
INCLUDE TRUCK PARKS AT XD694934 AND AT XD687905 AND SUSPECT
CONSTRUCTION CAMPS AT XD697934 AND XD691906. AN OPEN-WIRE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE GENERALLY PARALLELS THE NEW CONSTRUCTION
(ZZZ02)

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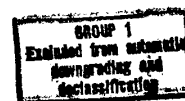
ZZZ02:TELECOM TRACE VN PANHANDLE SGM:1101C CTY:VN 170928N1063547E
A NEWLY OBSERVED OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATION TRACE EXTENDS SSW
FROM ITS NORTHERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-09-28N 106-35-47E
(UTM XD697975) AND GENERALLY PARALLELS THE ROAD CONSTRUCTION
DESCRIBED IN ITEM ZZZ01 TO 17-02-18N 106-36-36E (XD713843).
THE REMAINING PORTION OF THIS TRACE IS DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY;
HOWEVER, THE POSSIBLE ALIGNMENT CONTINUES GENERALLY SW THROUGH
DENSE FOREST TO THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER AT APPROXIMATELY
165631N 1063320E (XD656737). A GAP OF 2.5 NM REMAINS TO BE
COMPLETED BEFORE THE NORTHERN CONSTRUCTION TERMINUS OF THIS
LINE WILL CONNECT WITH NORTHVIETNAM OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LINE 4A. (ZZZ03 CONTAINS DETAILS OF THE SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF
THIS TRACE IN LAOS).

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ZZZ03:TELECOM TRACE LA PANHANDLE SGM:NONE CTY:LA 165631N1063320E
THE ALIGNMENT OF THE SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF THE OPEN-WIRE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE (ZZZ02) IS AS FOLLOWS. FROM 16-56-31N
* /PYAEFAWPE (UTM XD656737) ON THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER THE
POSSIBLE ALIGNMENT CONTINUES SW TO XD635720, WHERE ITS ALIGN-
MENT BECOMES CLEARLY DEFINED. FROM THIS POINT THE TRACE
CONTINUES GENERALLY SW TO ITS JUNCTION WITH THE REPORTED

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NORTHERN TERMINUS OF THE LA/VS OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
LINE 1 (REF B) AT 164930N 1061958E (XD419605).

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ZZZ04:ROAD CONSTRUCTION SGM:NONE CTY:LA 164321N1062622E
A NEW 3.5 NM ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED EXTENDING NW
FROM ROUTE 92 EXTENDED NORTH OF ROUTE 9, 18 NM NW OF KHE SANH,
SOUTH VIETNAM. VEHICLE TRACKS ARE OBSERVED ON THIS NEW ROAD
FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROUTE 92 EXTENDED AT 16-43-21N 106-26-22E
(UTM XD534492) NW TO A VEHICLE TURNAROUND AT 16-44-10N
106-24-27E (XD499507). ROAD CLEARING CONTINUES NORTH THEN NW
TO THE TERMINUS ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE NAM XE SAMOU
(STREAM) AT 16-45-22N 106-23-37E (XD485530). THIS ROAD IS
POSSIBLE AN ACCESS ROAD IN SUPPORT OF CONSTRUCTION ON THE NEW
OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATION LINE (SEE ZZZ02); HOWEVER, IT
COULD BE THE INITIAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTHERN SEGMENT OF
THE NEW NORTH VIETNAMESE ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SEE ZZZ01).

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ZZZ05:TELECOM TRACE LA PANHANDLE SGM:NONE CTY:LA 170205N1060148E
A 4 NM EXTENSION OF OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE 2 IS
OBSERVED FROM ITS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TERMINUS (REF C) AT
17-02-05N 106-01-48E (UTM XD096835). IT RUNS GENERALLY EAST
THEN NORTH TO ITS VISIBLE NORTHERN TERMINUS NEAR ROUTE 912
AT 17-05-10N 106-03-06E.

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ZZZ06:PROB TELECOM TRACE SGM:NONE CTY:LA 171215N1055655E
A 3 NM PROBABLE OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE IS OBSERVED
5 NM NORTH OF, BUT GENERALLY PARALLELING, ROUTE 911 IN THE LAOS
PANHANDLE. THE PROBABLY TRACE EXTENDS SE FROM ITS NORTHERN
VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-12-15N 105-56-55E (UTM XE008022) TO ITS
SOUTHERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-10-00N 105-59-02E (XD046981).
THIS PROBABLE TRACE MAY BE A SEGMENT OF LA/VS OPEN-WIRE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS LINE 2.

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ZZZ07:TELECOM TRACE, LA PANHANDLE SGM:NONE CTY:LA 172329N1054815E
A 4 NM OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE IS OBSERVED IN THE SE
BANGFAI RIVER VALLEY 18 NM SSE OF MU GIA (PASS). THE TRACE IS
5 NM NORTH OF, BUT GENERALLY PARALLELS, ROUTE 911. THE TRACE
EXTENDS SE FROM ITS NORTHERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-23-29N
105-48-15E (UTM WE854229) TO ITS SOUTHERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT
17-20-50N 105-50-07E (WE887180). THIS TRACE IS PROBABLY A
NORTHERN SEGMENT OF LA/VS OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATION LINE 2.

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ZZZ08:TELECOM TRACE VN PANHANDLE SGM:1100 CTY:VN 170446N1065328E
A NEWLY OBSERVED OPEN-WIRE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRACE EXTENDS WEST
FROM ITS EASTERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-04-46N 106-53-28E
(UTM YD011892) TO XD889894, THEN SOUTHWARD TOWARD THE VIETNAM
DMZ TO ITS SOUTHERN VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-00-00N 106-45-25E
(XD870802), 6.5 NM NORTH OF THE VIETNAM DMZ. A PROBABLE BRANCH
OF THIS LINE EXTENDS FROM APPROXIMATELY 17-04-40N 106-46-30E
(XD889894) WEST TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-06-20N 106-42-00E
(XD808918). A SECOND BRANCH EXTENDS FROM 17-03-00N 106-45-11E
(XD866857) WEST TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS AT 17-03-48N 106-43-57E
(XD843873).

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PART II. OTHER PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS - NONE
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